

Rights of Children in DSCYF Custody*

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Knowledge

- To be told why I am in foster care
- To know the people on my planning team
- To participate in plans about me in foster care, independent living, and transition
- If I am 14 or older, to have two people of my choice be part of my planning team
- To have regular, private contact with my DFS worker
- To have regular, private contact with my attorney (GAL) or Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
- To be told about and participate in my court hearings and to speak to my Judge about the decisions being made about me

- To live in a safe place without abuse or neglect
- To receive water, food, shelter, and clothing to meet my own individual needs
- To receive appropriate placement services
- To contact and visit my parents, brothers and sisters in foster care, my own child in foster care, and other individuals. If I can't see my family, I have the right to know why
- To have information about me kept private, as required by law

Safety

Support

My rights were explained to me and I was given a copy to keep.

- To have help getting needed medical, vision, and dental care
- To have help getting mental health care or substance abuse treatment if I need it
- To have help getting an education
- To stay in the school I am attending when I first come into foster care, if possible, and to remain in that school if any changes in placement occur
- To receive independent living services and supports at age 16 if eligible and if resources are available
- To have help getting my credit history report beginning at age 14
- To be given my birth certificate, social security card, driver's license or identification card, health records, and credit history report when I leave foster care
- To report any violation of my rights or the rights of others without punishment
- To get help with any violation of my rights by telling my attorney, CASA, or Judge

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Date

DFS Worker

Date